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CITY OF MILWAUKEE.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5.

ALL LETTERS intended for publication, or on business connected with the "Free Democrat," Milwaukee, Wisconsin.—All letters intended only for the eye of the editor, should be addressed to S. H. BOOTH, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Conventions

A large number were in attendance in the Convention at Madison yesterday. The delegation were not full, small counties not being represented, but considering the season of the year, there was a larger number present than the most hopeful expected, and the outsiders far outnumbered the delegates.

The proceedings of the delegates were spirited and harmonious, and the best feeling prevailed. The Convention thoroughly purged itself of all affinity with Know Nothingism, and went so far in that direction as the most decided anti-Know Nothing could desire. The appointments of delegates and committees, as a whole, gave general satisfaction. The resolutions took high anti-slavery ground, and present Seward, Chase and Sumner as the men, either of whom Wisconsin would delight to honor—Not a whisper for Fremont or any half-way man, but the overwhelming voice has given a strong anti-slavery platform. Now place a strong man on it and we can give him the vote of this State. We shall speak further of the resolutions when we receive them.

The proceedings of the Mass Convention will be found in our columns. The friends of the Mass Convention would have preferred to send five delegates to Philadelphia, in accordance with the suggestions of the National Committee, but the friends of the delegate Convention thought it inexpedient. So far as we know the friends of the Mass Convention were satisfied with the decided action of the delegate Convention, both as respects the platform and candidates, and we trust that all the friends of Freedom in this State will henceforth act together as a unit.

The Decency of Humanity.

We copy the following paragraph, in regard to the late brutal assault upon Senator Sumner, by the South Carolina bully Brooks, from the Jacksonville Standard, that the public may know what a trivial affair the editor of that paper considers the fumelling of a Senator, with a heavy cane, until life is nearly extinct.

It says: A little flogging with a small gutta percha cane is magnified into an unmerciful pounding, in which the honorable Senator is represented as being almost "killed," and the daily reports from Washington through Republican channels would have us believe that his life was despoiled of all of which is most arrant nonsense."

The above indicates that the editor of the Standard is almost as refined and humane as many of the Southern editors who spoke of the assault as a "classical caning." It also shows that he is culpably ignorant of the affair, or else has designedly published a falsehood.

That Mr. Sumner was brutally, cruelly and dangerously beaten there is the most unquestionable testimony, and that too in the presence of leading Democrats, who made no attempt to interfere.

Brooks is no more guilty than many others. The whole slave power, and a large majority of the democratic party said amen when they heard that Brooks had "Classically" chastised Sumner for language uttered in debate.

It is quite a common practice for the democracy to resort to force when beaten in argument, as many instances, of late, conclusively prove, and Brooks, a prominent member of that party, was, but imitating its example.

DOWN WITH THE DUST.—The Chicago Tribune says: When the committee presented the subscription paper for the aid of the Free State settlers in Kansas, to R. K. Swift, Brother & Johnson, they promptly put down \$500, and cashed it to the spot. That firm never do things by halves; when they pitched into the Wild Cats they made clear work of them. They banished the "cats" so that they stayed banished. Col. Swift and his flying artillery would be the right sort of men to deal with Atchison, Stringfellow and their Algerine crew, and send them out of the territory howling, so that they would stay out.

PROSCRIPTION.—Joseph O. Jones, Postmaster at Terre Haute, Ind., has been removed from office because he would not go the whole length with the Border Rebs.

A servant girl left her place the other day, because she had to drink brown sugar in her coffee.

To CATCH mice, place sweetmeats in your mouth on going to bed, and keep your mouth wide open. When you feel the whiskers of the mouse, bite!

UNROOFED.—The Newport Mirror of the 3d inst. says: We learn that the new brick house of George Topping, near Dolton, had its roof blown off in the thunder storm last night. We had but little wind here.

MARINE DISCOVERIES.—The Grant Co. Herald says that Messrs. Higgins, Stone & Clegg have made a valuable discovery of lead ore on the Patrick Murray lands, near Fairplay.

Messrs. Gilbraith & Smith have a first rate show for a lead near Fairplay. They are raising \$100 to 1000 pounds per day, and the mineral becomes stronger, the more they work.

Mr. Max Wood and his partner have made a discovery of mineral supposed to be valuable, near Beetown.

RUNAWAY HUSBAND ARRESTED.—A man named M. F. Pines, who had runaway from his wife and two children in Maine, was arrested yesterday, at Janesville, with a woman whom he had lately married in Chicago, and was taken back to the latter city.

REGATTA.—A regatta is to take place in Madison, on the Fourth of July.

REPUBLICAN DELEGATE CONVENTION.

MADISON, June 4th 1856.

FOREIGN SESSION.

Last night the train from Milwaukee brought a large body of Delegates from the northern, southern, and eastern part of the State. Many of the western part had already arrived.

A preliminary meeting, for consultation, was invited by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. White, in the Assembly Chamber, at 10 o'clock, this forenoon. Quite a large number were present.

After a friendly and harmonious consultation for one hour, it was agreed that a Deputation should repair to the Station to meet the noon train from Milwaukee, to escort Gen. LANE to the Capitol, upon the arrival of whom, and the Delegates expected on the trains, the Convention would organize.

At half after twelve, the train arrived, Gov. LANE was escorted to the Capitol, followed by the Delegates.

Mr. White called the Convention to order, and nominated L. P. HARVEY for Temporary Chairman.

The Convention ratified the nomination, and Mr. Harvey took the Chair.

Mr. Harvey, on taking the Chair, thanked the Delegates for the honor, and said he esteemed it highly, on account of the dignity of the place. He thought it no ordinary or trivial Convention, but one of the deepest importance.

He said the duty of Delegates was plain and simple—to devise a platform which should express the common feelings of the people of the country. This will be better than all policy—it will be the words of honest men. Then choose Delegates to the National Convention and choose men whose principles are those of the people, and whose character and position are known that the very mention of whose names will be a guarantee to the people, that their principles are right.

Gen. King was chosen temporary Secretary, Gen. King moved that Gen. Lane be invited to take a seat as a member of the Convention.

Gen. Lane thanked the Convention, in the name of his constituents, for the honor done in inviting him to a seat.

Messrs. King, Cary, Potter, Hale and Crane were appointed a Committee on Permanent Organization.

Messrs. Orledge, Waterman and Langworthy of the First District, Miles, Jackson and Noyes of the Second District, and Bean, Davis and Hamlin of the Third District, were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The Convention then adjourned till half past two.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order.

Committee on credentials reported the following names as entitled to seats.

[The names will be inserted hereafter.]

Messrs. Potter, Paine, Dale, Cameron, Colburn, Stevens, Howe, Phillips, and Russer, were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Republican party owes it to itself, not only by its Resolutions but by the selection of its committees, delegates and candidates, to prove that it has no affiliation or connection with the Order known as Know Nothings, and no sympathy with the proscriptive principles which make men's religious faith, or the place of their birth, tests of citizenship or of eligibility to office, and unless the Republican party shall relieve itself from all just suspicion of connection with Know Nothingism, it will not be entitled to the confidence or support of true Republicans.

Resolved, That the exigencies of the times and the best interests of the Republican party demand that the candidates to be selected by the Philadelphia Convention should be men of marked ability, and of known and tried integrity, whose past history is public proof that they are worthy champions of the cause of Freedom, and that no man whose position on the Slavery question is not well known, or whose anti-slavery faith is yet to be written and proclaimed, can fully represent the Republican party.

Resolved, That this Convention recommends the holding of a Mass State Convention on the second Wednesday of July, to hear reports from the National Convention and ratify its nomination if its action is satisfactory, or to take such action as the best interests of the cause of Freedom may require.

The Report was accepted, and on motion to adopt, Mr. Boorn addressed the meeting.

On motion, the Resolutions were considered singly.

The first four resolutions were adopted unanimously, and the fifth resolution was amended by striking out the words "to nominate Presidential electors" and adopted.

A resolution to appoint five delegates to represent the Convention in the Philadelphia Convention, was rejected, and another, to appoint a Committee of Three to confer with the State Central Committee, to be appointed by the Delegate Convention, in regard to calling a Mass State Convention on the second Wednesday of July, was withdrawn after some discussion.

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the State, presented instructions from their constituents, against all sympathy or connection with Know Nothingism, all of which were referred to the committee, and a universal feeling seemed to prevail to abjure all possible sympathy for that organization.

At eight o'clock, Gen. Lane commenced speaking to an immense audience from the steps of the Capitol, and continued for two hours, carrying the feelings of the audience with him as electricity.

Altogether, the Convention, the day, and the occasion, were fraught with good for the cause of true Republicanism.

REPUBLICAN MASS CONVENTION.

PURSUANT to Call, a Mass State Convention was held on the 4th day of June, 1856, at Madison. The meeting was organized by electing Wm. B. JARVIS, Esq., of Madison, Chairman, and CHARLES REESER, of Manitowoc, Secretary.

On motion, a Committee of Three, consisting of Messrs. S. M. BOOTH, ISAAC ORVIS and Dr. GUNTHER, for preparing business, was appointed by the Chair.

Mr. BOOTH, from said Committee, reported the following Resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Republican party, at its first organization, asserted that the question whether Freedom or Slavery should control the Government was the chief issue of the country, and adopted as cardinal articles of its faith the following principles and measures, to wit:

Freedom for all the Territories;

No more Slave States;

The abrogation of the Fugitive Slave Act;

Equality of political rights, irrespective of birth, nativity or religion;

The support of such men only for office as are positively and fully committed to these principles, and whose personal character and conduct are a guarantee that they are reliable;

And, WHEREAS, The events of the past year have proved the necessity of reaffirming, and adhering to these principles:

RESOLVED, That the delegates from Wisconsin to the National Convention should insist upon the affirmation of these principles by that Convention, and the selection of candidates who represent these principles.

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WM. B. JARVIS, Chairman.

CHARLES REESER, Secretary.

STARBOARD.—Night before last, a case of stabbing occurred at Madison, in front of the Capital House. Mr. V. W. Roth met a Mr. Brown and accused him of insulting his wife, which he denied. Whereupon Mr. Roth called him a liar and drew a bowie knife on him. Mr. Brown closed with him, not seeing the bowie knife, when Mr. Roth stabbed him repeatedly. Mr. Brown bled profusely, but was not considerably in danger.

MEMORIAL OF WICKEDNESS.—Under this head the Daily Beaver Islander at St. James, Lake Michigan, publishes the following notice of the observance of one of the rites of the Mormons:

"The 7th of June the Saints at Beaver Island, who love righteousness and hate the works of iniquity, and the 13th of July those of Lake Michigan, will pile rough stones as a witness against the day of the resurrection of the ungodly!"

Dr. Horwitz, of New York, has received from the Howard Society at Norfolk a large gold medal for his services during the last yellow fever. On one side is a relief of the Good Samaritan, and on the other appropriate emblematic figures and inscriptions. About one hundred physicians went to Norfolk during her sorrows, and of them upwards of fifty died.

EDITOR KILLED.—As the steamer Pennsylvania was passing Batavia on Sunday week, an affray occurred between citizens of that town, in which several shots were fired, and the editor of the American paper was killed.

One hundred and forty vessels had arrived at Quebec the present season, up to the 28th ult.

U. S. SOLDIER DROWNED.—A U. S. Soldier was drowned on the 27th ult., in attempting to ford the Kansas River on horseback, at Lawrence. He was from Sackets Harbor, New York, but his name is not given.

LAWEL SUIT.—Thos. Shirley has commenced a suit for libel against the Chicago Democrat. Damages \$100,000. The suit is based on an article published in that paper some time since reflecting upon Mr. S.

SECOND WARD ELECTION.—The electors of the Second Ward decided yesterday to improve their public square by a vote of 81 to 1.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

'THE PIAZZA TALES.' By HERMAN MELVILLE.

This pleasant book contains five excellent stories, the first of which is an exquisite word picture, and is worth twice the price of the book.

DIX & EDWARDS—321 Broadway—Publishers.

For sale at ARNOLD'S.

YRILLA: A ROMANCE.

This new work, by the author of "The Inislaws," will be interesting to novel readers. It is bound in the usual novel style—in paper.

Published by GARRETT & CO., 18 Ann st., New York.

For sale at WILSON'S.

FRED GRAHAM: OR, MASKS AND FACES.

By J. Frederick Smith.

We have read no work of fiction, in a long time, so deeply interesting as this. The plot is admirably laid and well sustained. Anybody having fifty cents to spare, for light literature, cannot use it to better advantage than by buying this book.

Published by GARRETT & CO., and for sale by WILSON.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

A Plain Statement.

It is extraordinary to observe that some palliation of the attack on Mr. Sumner is attempted in Northern journals, on the ground that his recent speech was beyond the pale of parliamentary discussion. Now that speech is before the world, and any man is challenged to show wherein, by word or sentence, it violates the well-known rules of public debate. It was severe.

It was intended to be severe. It was severe, scathing, scathing, and powerful in its effect; but it was not personal in any offensive sense. The Senator weighed his words and kept within the bounds of that propriety demanded by the rules of parliamentary discussion.

To palliate the attack on this ground, it is to do Mr. Sumner great injustice, and what is worse, it is to undertake to abridge the scope of controversy, and to justify assaults upon the freedom of debate.

For every word that Mr. Sumner uttered, and for every that he uttered, he has had ample provocation in this very Kansas discussion, and this view is dissipated by the arrival of the *Orizaba*. Her news confirms the disastrous retreat of the Costa Rican invaders, and we have direct authority for saying that Walker's army is not only strong in numbers, but in good condition. Subsistence is abundant and cheap and far from the troops and Walker himself being driven to extremities, as rumored a few days since, there was never, we understand, the slightest probability of extreme suffering, either from famine or the ability of the Costa Ricans to follow up the battle of Rivas. The roar of the latter, on the contrary, was complete, and their loss eight or ten fold greater in battle than that of Walker—Disease and death superinduced, in part, by the gross acknowledgement and mismanagement of their officers completed the disaster of the invaders, and it seems questionable whether more than a third of the army survived to reach their own territory again. So far as the political power of the Rivas-Walker rule is concerned, the result of this trial of arms is as complete and decided as the battle of San Jacinto proved to

